

Mr. Secretary:

My Name is Myron Stroup and I am livestock producer in east central Kansas.

I would like to state the program delivery of the Farm Bill should continue with the Farm Service Agency. I have worked with the people in that agency for 30 years and find that their dedication and service for the farmers in our community outstanding. From a farmers standpoint they deliver their program more efficiently than any other agency that I have worked with.

I would also like to comment on the inefficiency and taxpayer burden of delivering certain programs contained in the present farm bill. The Taxpayer should not be asked to bear the cost of establishing a duplicate administrative process to deliver the conservation program (EQIP, CSP, WRP) when a system was already in place at the local office. FSA has a proven track record of being an efficient administering agency. NRCS is recognized as the expert on the technical side of conservation. At previous forums, it was noted that there was not enough Technical staff in the field to deliver conservation. I ask you to use the expertise that is already in the field. Don't ask the taxpayer to foot the bill to recreate a process when one is already in place that has been proven to work. This will improve efficiencies and free up Technical staff to do what they do best.

Thank you

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